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NOVEMBER 25, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: NOON NOTES

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AUSTRALIA ANNOUNCES URANIUM POLICY: AUSTRALIA'S LONG-AWAITED STATEMENT ON URANIUM POLICY OPENS THE WAY FOR ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY'S VAST URANIUM RESOURCES, WITH SUBSTANTIAL GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION AND CONTROL. FOREIGN FIRMS INVOLVED IN THE INDUSTRY REGARD THE NEW POLICY AS TOUGH, ALTHOUGH A LITTLE MORE FAVORABLE TO THEM THAN HAD BEEN EXPECTED.

UNDER THE NEW POLICY:

- THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL OWN ALL DEPOSITS IN THE URANIUM-RICH NORTHERN TERRITORY AND CAN TAKE OVER ALL OTHER RESERVES IF IT DESIRES.
- ALL NEW EXPLORATION IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE AUSTRALIAN AEC.
- NO ADDITIONAL FOREIGN EQUITY IN URANIUM EXPLORATION OR DEVELOPMENT WILL BE ALLOWED, BUT FOREIGN INTERESTS

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ALREADY IN AUSTRALIA WILL NOT BE FORCED OUT.

- EXPORT CONTRACTS APPROVED BY THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT WILL BE HONORED; NEW COMMITMENTS WILL BE NEGOTIATED BY THE AUSTRALIAN AEC DIRECTLY WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.
- A URANIUM MILLING PLANT WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY 1978. A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A JOINT JAPANESE-AUSTRALIAN ENRICHMENT FACILITY WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY.

SUPREME COURT ALLOWS ALIEN WORKERS TO COMMUTE: THE U.S. SUPREME COURT IN A 5 TO 4 DECISION, RULED TODAY THAT THOUSANDS OF MEXICAN LABORERS MAY LEGALLY COMMUTE TO THE U.S. FOR SEASONAL FARM WORK. THE COURT REVERSED A DECISION OF THE U.S. CIRCUIT COURT IN WASHINGTON, WHICH OUTLAWED SEASONAL COMMUTING. THE SUPREME COURT UPHELD A PORTION OF THE CIRCUIT COURT DECISION WHICH PERMITTED ALIEN WORKERS TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES ON A DAILY BASIS. "IF ALIEN COMMUTERS ARE TO BE ABOLISHED OR IF SEASONAL COMMUTERS ARE TO BE TREATED DIFFERENTLY THAN DAILY COMMUTERS, THE CONGRESS MUST DO IT," JUSTICE DOUGLASS WROTE FOR THE SUPREME COURT. JOINING THE MAJORITY OPINION WERE CHIEF JUSTICE BERGER AND JUSTICES STEWART, POWER, AND REHNQUIST.

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